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address information, user gender information, user age information, user government identification information, user credit card information, and user income information.

--50. (New) The method as set forth in claim 44, wherein the information includes authentication information, and further comprising the step of verifying the authentication information upon connection to the network by prompting the user to enter the authentication information for comparison with the authentication information stored on the data card before proceeding to the automatic uploading step.--

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/784,851, filed 15 February 2001, which is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/04250, filed 18 February 2000, designating the United States of America, which claims priority of Australian Application No. AU 17394/99 (PP9281), filed 18 February 1999. Applicant is not abandoning U.S. Serial No. 09/784,851.

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has hereinabove amended the specification on page 1 to insert the continuation data.

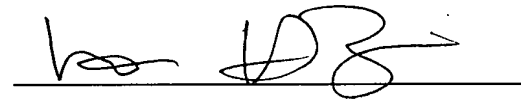
Claims 1-29 were pending in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-29, without prejudice or disclaimer, and has added new claims 30-50.

Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 30-50 will be pending and under examination.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

No fee other than the filing fee of \$355.00 is deemed necessary in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any other fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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